

Hunting/Trapping License Requirement Chart

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Species Type		Stamp Requirements	Application ^[f] /Permit/Authorization/ Tag Requirements	Minimum License Requirement	Other Acceptable License ^[a]	Other
Small Game Mammals	Snowshoe Hare	n/a	n/a	Small Game	Conservation Patron License, ^[c] Sports License, ^[b] Archer or Crossbow.	Landowner exemption (Nuisance Guidelines)
	Cottontail Rabbit	n/a	n/a			
	Gray Squirrel	n/a	n/a			
	Fox Squirrel	n/a	n/a			
Furbearers	Raccoon	n/a	n/a	Resident: Small Game or Trapping ^[d]Nonresident: NR Furbearer hunting license or Trapping ^[t] .	WI Residents ONLY: Conservation Patron License, ^[c] Sports License, ^[b] Archer or Crossbow.	Landowner exemption (Nuisance Guidelines)
	Red fox	n/a	n/a			
	Gray fox	n/a	n/a			
	Coyote	n/a	n/a			
	Bobcat	n/a	Species specific permit awarded by Application (Application Deadline = Aug 1)	Trapping ^[t]	Conservation Patron License	n/a
	Muskrat and mink	n/a	n/a			n/a
	Fisher	n/a	Species specific permit awarded by Application (Application Deadline = Aug 1)			n/a
	Otter	n/a	Species specific permit awarded by Application (Application Deadline = Aug 1)			n/a
	Beaver	n/a	n/a			Landowner exemption (Nuisance Guidelines)
Game Birds	Quail, Ruff Grouse, partridge, and Crow	n/a	n/a	Small Game	Conservation Patron License, ^[c] Sports License, ^[b] Archer or Crossbow.	n/a
	Sharp-tailed Grouse	n/a	Species specific permit awarded by Application (Application Deadline = Aug 1: <i>date may vary based on season availability</i>)			n/a
	Pheasant	State Pheasant Stamp (all ages)	n/a			n/a
Migratory Game Birds	Moring Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Sora, Coot, and Virginia Rail	n/a	n/a	Small Game	Conservation Patron License, ^[c] Sports License, ^[b] Archer or Crossbow. NOTE: Federal Waterfowl Stamp is not included in the Conservation Patron License.	HIP Survey
	Ducks	State & Federal Waterfowl Stamps (age 16 and up)	n/a			HIP Survey
	Goose (Early Season)		Early Goose Permit			HIP Survey
	Goose (Regular Season)		Statewide Goose Permit (regular season)			HIP Survey

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Unprotected Species	n/a	n/a	Small Game or Trapping ^[t]	Conservation Patron License, ^[c] Sports License, ^[b] Archer or Crossbow.	Landowner exemption (Nuisance Guidelines)
Feral Hogs	n/a	n/a	Small Game	Conservation Patron License, ^[c] Sports License, ^[b] Archer or Crossbow. OR with permission from the DNR prior to harvest.	Landowner exemption (Nuisance Guidelines)
Bear	n/a	Species specific permit awarded by Application (Application Deadline = Dec 10)	Class A Bear	n/a	n/a
Deer	n/a	Deer Harvest Authorizations ^[e] License comes with 1 buck & (possible options) for free Farmland Zone 2 Antlerless & Metro antlerless authorizations.	Gun Deer, Archer, or Crossbow ^[e]	Conservation Patron License, ^[c] Sports License.	Antlerless availability varies by DMU. Bonus authorizations may also be available for purchase. ^[e]
Wild Turkey (Spring Season)	State Turkey Stamp (all ages)	Species specific permit awarded by Application (Application Deadline = Dec 10) OR - Spring Turkey Harvest Authorization <i>Hunter may purchase bonus authorizations (if available) instead of applying through the drawing.</i>	Spring Turkey License	Conservation Patron license NOTE: Spring License & turkey stamp are included in the patron license (hunter must also have a harvest authorization to hunt).	Additional bonus turkey authorizations may be available over the counter at a first come first serve basis to all hunters.
Wild Turkey (Fall Season)	State Turkey Stamp (all ages) NOTE: Turkey stamp is valid for entire license year; not required to purchase again if purchased in spring season.	Fall Turkey Harvest Authorization One Fall Turkey authorization will come with a fall turkey license or conservation patron license.	Fall Turkey License	Conservation Patron license NOTE: Fall License, turkey stamp, and 1 Fall harvest authorization included in the patron license.	Additional bonus turkey authorizations may be available over the counter at a first come first serve basis to all hunters.
Elk	n/a	Species specific permit awarded by Application Elk hunting information	Elk License	n/a	Elk education course
Wolf	n/a	Species specific permit awarded by Application (Application Deadline = Aug 1)	Wolf License	n/a	n/a

^[a] **Other Acceptable Licenses:** Either includes the minimum license requirement OR see ^[b] Archer or Crossbow exception below.

^[b] **Archer or Crossbow Exception:** Archer and Crossbow license only authorized **when the hunter is using archery/crossbow equipment to hunt the species that authorizes the use of equipment.**

^[c] **Sports license:** Includes **Small Game, Gun Deer, and Fishing;** state/federal stamps are not included and must be purchased separately.

^[d] **Nonresidents:** Nonresident Furbearer hunting license or trapping required; small game license is not valid for hunting furbearer species for nonresidents.

^[e] **Deer license/harvest authorizations:** Hunter's who purchase both Archer and Crossbow license only receive 1 set of deer harvest authorizations. Buck authorizations are license & season specific; antlerless authorizations are not license/season specific and may be used with any deer license type during its open season. Antlerless availability changes annually [see deer regulations or deer website for more details].

^[f] **Applications:** Purchased/submitted applications will place applicant into a drawing to be considered for an awarded permit to hunt/trap/fish [when applying for harvest permit/authorization]. Preference point only applications do not place the applicant into the drawing, but accumulates preference points (except elk). [Applicant must apply at least once every 3 years to retain their preference points]. Applicants not awarded in the drawing will keep their preference point for the next application period. **Applications and licenses are only available for purchase if species will have an open season.**

^[t] **Trapping:** Trapper education or exemption required. Individuals age 16 + may participate in mentored trapping program w/o safety education, but are not eligible to receive tags for trapping bobcat, otter, fisher. Youth under 16, without trapper safety, may participate under the supervised trapping program with a license exemption.